

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 163—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides for early childhood prekindergarten education programs. (BDR S-723)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the distribution of money to school districts that include one or more Title I elementary schools to provide early childhood prekindergarten education programs; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill provides for the distribution of money to school districts that include
2 one or more elementary schools that are Title I schools to provide early childhood
3 prekindergarten education programs to children in the school district.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Education shall distribute
2 the appropriation made by section 2 of this act to school districts
3 that include one or more elementary schools that are Title I schools
4 and are not currently providing early childhood education programs
5 funded by the Federal Government. Each allocation to a school
6 district pursuant to this section must be calculated by multiplying
7 the number of children who reside within the zone of attendance of
8 those Title I schools in the school district by six-tenths of the basic
9 support guarantee per pupil for the school district established by law
10 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.



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2. A school district that receives an allocation of money pursuant to this section shall use the money to provide early childhood prekindergarten education programs for children in the school district. A school district shall allocate the money by assigning first priority to those schools within the school district that have the highest percentage of children who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. If a school within a school district currently provides early childhood prekindergarten education programs with money that it receives from the Federal Government, the school district shall not allocate the money from the appropriation made by section 2 of this act to the school.

3. A school district that receives a grant of money pursuant to this section shall:

(a) Provide notice of the early childhood prekindergarten education programs to residents of the school district and encourage parents and legal guardians of children who are eligible to participate in such a program to enroll in the program; and

(b) Submit a report to the Department regarding the efforts undertaken by the school district to inform the residents of the school district of the program and to encourage the enrollment of children who are eligible for enrollment.

4. A school that receives an allocation of money pursuant to this section shall:

(a) Use the money to establish or expand early childhood prekindergarten education programs and offer the program free of charge to children who are eligible for enrollment.

(b) Use the money to supplement and not replace the money that the school would otherwise expend for early childhood prekindergarten education programs.

5. On or before February 1, 2015, the Department of Education shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 78th Session of the Legislature a report which includes, without limitation:

(a) An identification of which school districts received an allocation pursuant to this section;

(b) A compilation of the reports submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 3 by each school district that received an allocation pursuant to this section;

(c) The number of schools in each school district that offered early childhood prekindergarten education programs funded by the allocation;

(d) The number of children who received services through an early childhood prekindergarten education program funded by the allocation;



(e) The developmental progress of children before and after their completion of an early childhood prekindergarten education program funded by the allocation;

(f) The involvement of parents and families whose children participated in an early childhood prekindergarten education program funded by the allocation; and

(g) Any recommendations for legislation related to early childhood prekindergarten education programs.

6. As used in this section, "Title I school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.3467.

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the sum of \$20,000,000, for allocation to school districts to provide early childhood education programs pursuant to section 1 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2015, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2015, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2015.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

